

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

***PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.***

- 1. Project Title:** South Corridor I-205/Portland Mall Light Rail Project
- 2. Organization Name and address:** Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District (TriMet)  
4012 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97202
- 3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**  
Neil McFarlane; telephone: (503)962-2134; FAX: (503)962-2288; mcfarlan@trimet.org.
- 4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):** Project offices located at 710 NE Holladay Street, Portland, OR 97232
- 5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** TriMet is a municipal corporation providing public transportation in much of the three counties in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. TriMet operates a comprehensive transit network including a 44-mile, 64 station MAX light rail system, 93 bus lines, 15-mile commuter rail service, service for seniors and people with disabilities, and enhanced amenities and information.
- 6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)** The project will add an 8.3 mile light rail extension connecting downtown Portland with Clackamas Regional Center and points in-between. The project will construct 15 new stations, and add 2,00 park-and-ride spaces. The project includes real property acquisition, final design, civil construction and track work, signals, communications, traction electrification, central control, fare collection and 22 low floor light rail vehicles. It is on schedule to open for revenue service in September 2009.
- 7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?** Yes.

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

FY 2002	\$ 2.9 million preliminary engineering	Section 5309 bus funds
FY 2002	\$ .231 million preliminary engineering	Section 5307
FY 2007	\$80.0 million final design and construction	Section 5309 New Starts
FY 2008	\$78.4 million final design and construction	Section 5309 New Starts
FY 2009	\$81.6 million final design and construction	Section 5309 New Starts

- 8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):** SAFETEA-LU or its successor; Department of Transportation; Federal Transit Administration; Section 5309 New Starts program

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

The project will improve public transportation in the downtown Portland central business district and in the South/North Corridor. Since the decision to build light rail in the Portland region, nearly \$3 billion of development has occurred within walking distance of MAX. The project supports implementation of the region's 2040 plan, which focuses on regional and town centers, all served by TriMet's high capacity transit system.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (page 3-18) published in November 2004 reflects 2,760 direct jobs, 1,780 indirect jobs and 3,040 induced jobs giving a total of 7,580 jobs. The direct (construction and manufacturing) jobs are calculated used 6.98 direct jobs per million dollars of capital cost; 4.51 indirect jobs per million dollars of capital costs; and 7.70 induced jobs per million dollars of capital costs.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?**

**If so, who?** This funding request will be sent to Rep. David Wu (OR-1), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-3), Senator Jeff Merkley (OR), and Senator Ron Wyden (OR).

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):** \$575.7 million

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:** \$80 million

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

Amounts in millions, rounded

Local (24%):

City of Portland, Portland Development Commission \$50.0

Clackamas County \$39.3

TriMet \$27.8

City of Portland Local Improvement District \$19.0

Private land donation \$3.1

Total Local \$139.3

Other federal (16%):

MTIP backed GARVEE bonds \$64.8

Oregon Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Program \$23.0

Section 5309 bus / 5307 for preliminary engineering \$3.1

Total Other Federal \$90.9

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?** Yes

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.**

**(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Sitework	\$ 7,600,000
Systems	\$40,000,000
Vehicles	\$27,000,000
Start Up	<u>\$ 5,400,000</u>
Total	\$ 80,000,000

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

Public agencies: City of Portland, Clackamas County, Metro, Portland Development Commission

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**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):** TriMet will apply all federal funding received to the project and will in future years, request remaining balance memorialized in the Full Funding Grant Agreement.